GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4442
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ADOPTION BY FOREIGNERS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) and other Oraganization running orphanages in the country ;

(b) the foreign countries and the NGOs stationed abroad have adopted children from these NGOs during each of the last three years, country-wise, NGOs-wise ;

(c) whether the Government is aware that many Indian children are being sold illegally to the foreign nationals in the name of adoption ;

(d) if so, the number of complaints received with regard to adoption of children without parent's permission in States particularly Karnataka State during each of the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise ;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the children's interest in such cases ;

(f) whether the Government has a proposal to amend the adoption rules ; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefore ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development does not maintain information relating to the names of NGOs running orphanages as they are registered by the State Government concerned. However, Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA), an autonomous organization under the Ministry is implementing the scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for children to promote in-country adoption. Under the scheme, the Non-Government Organizations and State Government are assisted for running projects for orphan/destitute children up to the age of 6 years which provide them institutional care followed by rehabilitation through in-country adoption. The list of Non-Governmental Organizations being assisted under the scheme is available on CARA's website www.adoptionindia.nic.in. CARA also recognizes placement agencies for placing children in inter- country adoption. A country-wise list of children for which CARA has issued NOC during last three years is given at Annexure. The NGO-wise list is available on CARA's website www.adoptionindia.nic.in.

(c)&(d) CARA which is the organization for regulating inter- country adoption has not received any such report.

(e) The guidelines for Adoption from India 2006 provide procedural safeguards for inter-country adoption of Indian children.

(f)&(g) The Guidelines for adoption are reviewed regularly for changes, wherever necessary, in order to make them more child friendly.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Parts [a] & [b] of Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No. 4442 for answer on 8th May, 2007 regarding Adoption by Foreigners by Shri Ananta Nayak and Shri G. Karunakara Reddy

Country-wise number of NOCs issued for inter-country adoption of Indian children

S. No.	Name of the country	2004	2005	2006	Total
1	USA	322	296	327	945
2	Denmark	111	50	33	194
3	Belgium	30	24	18	72
4	Norway	22	21	17	60
5	Netherlands	2	16	12	57
6	Sweden	43	31	49	123
7	Austria	17	4	2	23
8	France	14	12	15	41
9	Italy	144	134	141	419
10	Mauritius	1	4	5	10
11	Indonesia	-	-	2	2

12	Singapore	1	6	5	12
13	UAE [Oman, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Qatar, Sharjah and Bahrain]	13	20	30	63
14	Thailand	-	-	1	1
15	South Africa	4	7	3	14
16	Kenya	1	-	1	2
17	Newzealand	3	1	1	5
18	United Kingdom	19	20	14	53
19	Spain	125	109	67	301
20	Switzerland	32	39	15	86
21	Australia	22	18	28	68
22	Germany	30	22	27	79
23	Canada	9	19	17	45
24	Finland	13	9	5	27
25	Ireland	5	-	1	6
26	Ice Land	5	1	2	8
27	Bahrain	1	-	4	5
28	Luxemburg	2	1	5	8
29	Philippines	-	1	-	1
30	Hong Kong	1	1	3	5
31	Tanzania	1	1	-	2
32	Republic of Benin	1	-	-	1
33	Botswana	-	-	1	1
34	Scotland	-	-	1	1
Total		1021	867	852	2740